

**Mateo Gonzalez Manrique to Andrew Jackson,
November 6, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew
Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

TO GONZÁLEZ MANRIQUE.¹

1 Copy. This letter was enclosed in Jackson's report to the Secretary of War Nov. 14, 1814, which is in the War Department files.

Head Quarters U. S. Army, Near Pensacola, November 6, 1814. Second Note.

Sir, When I arrived with my Army near to your Town I dispatched an officer with a Flag (accompanied by a sufficient escort to protect him against the Savages in your service until he arrived within the Suburbs of the Town) to make certain propositions to you for the surrender of the Town and fortifications. Upon the arrival of the officer at such place a Gun was fired from your Fort, when he immediately halted his escort and proceeded with the Flag. He was then fired on by the Fort, and returned to my head Quarters. I am at a loss *Sir* to know whether this conduct has been with an intention to insult the Flag of my government, contrary to the usages of war in like cases. And wishing to spare unnecessary effusion of blood, I send you this by one of your corporals whom I made prisoner at Boyles's to learn your real motives on this occasion. Should you not answer this in the course of two hours I shall ascribe them to the worst intentions

I have the honor to be respectfully